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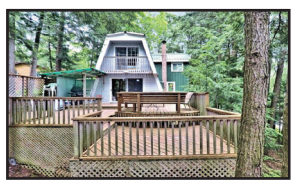

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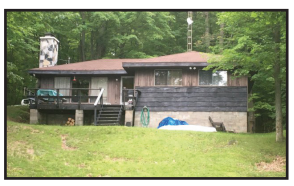

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Hockey memento takes shape in HSAD class

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

From a distance, the OVC Hockey Challenge Cup looks like the long lost sibling of hockey's most coveted trophy. The sterling silver chalice, etched with braids and curlicues, widening toward the base, draws inspiration from the Stanley Cup.

Ontario Veterinary College faculty member Brad Hanna has been working on this project since 2010 to make something special for the five teams that play in the annual tournament in Guelph.

"In 2012, the school turned 150," Hanna says of the impetus of the original smaller trophy.

Now he's creating a base to recognize the 100th anniversary of the championship itself.

The task includes bending bands and spiral copper rods around a large base on top of which the cup will sit.

> *"You can turn metal into any shape you want."*
>
> — Todd Jeffrey Ellis

Each band will have the names of every player who has participated in the tournament since 1931.

"That's 20,000 letters to stamp on what we're creating here," says Hanna.

Hanna has been working under the guidance of Haliburton silversmith Todd Jeffrey Ellis, who teaches the silversmithing/metalsmithing open studio at Haliburton School of Art and Design.

Hanna has had to cold call players using the school's yearbook, looking for those crucial individuals who will remember not only their teammates, but all of the athletes on all of the teams.

There are 1,900 names in total.

Although Hanna had no prior experience working with metal, Ellis says it's a skill that's easier to pick up than most people think.

"You can turn metal into any shape you want," he says. "People think it's too hard. It's not. It's like working with plasticine."

Ellis has been teaching since 2002 and runs Paradigm Designs Studio with his wife and fellow silversmith Susan Watson Ellis.

He explained that the craft of silversmithing hasn't changed much over the years, which is why he dresses up as Paul Revere (the American patriot who also was a silversmith and engraver) during the Haliburton County Studio Tour.

You can check out Ellis's work (and his Paul Revere costume) at silversmith.ca.

Brad Hanna, left, has been working on the OVC Hockey Challenge Cup since 2010. Instructor and silversmith Todd Jeffrey Ellis, right, has been helping with the project. Last week, Hanna was at Haliburton School of Art and Design designing and creating a base for the cup, which he is giving to the veterinary college students in Guelph. /JENN WATT Staff

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Kate Weatherell has continued the tradition of the floor loom, which for many years was a cherished treasure of George Farrell's mother.

The lure of the loom

GEORGE FARRELL
Special to *County Life*

The loom is sitting alone and forlorn in its tiny room. The sounds created from the harness, reeds, treadle and shuttle, which brought the loom to life, have been mute for the last two years, due to the illness of the weaver, who would never again sit on the bench anticipating a pleasant few hours of creating her colourful, and much-sought-after mohair throws.

If the loom had a soul it would be wishing for a weaver, and sending out woody signals for one to come and rescue it from its silent purgatory. I like to imagine that this particular loom, a 45-inch Leclerc counter-balance floor loom, did have a soul, because it's my mother's, and every time I see it sitting there, without her at the helm, it seems to be asking me to find it an appropriate owner who would love it as much as she did.

So eventually I put up photos of the loom on Facebook in the hopes of attracting the right person; and it had to be the right person. I had to feel good about who the loom was going to. I'd offered it to the Handweavers and Spinners Guild first, because Mom was a member, and other members had used the loom, and were familiar with it. However, nobody from the group needed a loom, so Facebook it was: and I awaited responses.

It didn't take long for people to show an interest, and I had three or four potential customers. But I wanted to keep the loom in this area, and they all lived elsewhere. Then I received a response from Kate Weatherell. She lives in Dorset, and via a phone call I established that she might be the one.

She has an interesting background. She worked for many years in, and ultimately managed, the Home Hardware department of Robinson's General Store in Dorset. But it was during her time in Barrie, where she later moved to an office job, that she gained the confidence to make jewelry out of recycled materials. Two years ago Kate moved back to Dorset where she took a year off to experiment with different mediums.

"I started spinning and dying yarns, crocheting and knitting, and going to markets in Dwight, Huntsville and Baysville, and to the fall fair in Bracebridge," she said. "I was also selling a lot of earrings that I make from aluminum roof flashing, using my grandfather's old tools. I guess it's one of the things I'm known for."

But eventually she needed to find a job. After another stint at the hardware store Kate landed a full-time position in sales at Muskoka Auto Parts. Even though she works, Kate still managed to weave with a small portable loom in the evenings and on the weekends. But it didn't take her long to realize that what she really wanted to do was to make clothing; and for that a larger loom was more practical.

She'd been looking for a floor loom since the winter, and then a relative alerted her to my Facebook posting. She contacted me and we set a time for her to come to Minden to see the loom. As soon as she saw it her obvious delight just about brought me to tears. "I had such a good feeling about your mom's loom," she said. "It's perfect, and I like that there's a history there." And I had a good feeling about Kate.

We agreed that she would take the loom, and a few days later she was back, with her boyfriend, and the two of them disassembled the Leclerc and loaded it into a pick-up. I was not sad. On the contrary I was happy for Kate, for the loom, which had taken on a personality of its own, and for my mom, who I know would approve.

We've stayed in touch, and Kate has posted shots of herself weaving tea towels. Sentimentally perhaps, I feel that the loom is content again, and that its silent wish for a weaver has been answered.

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Haliburton County Folk Society announces 2017-18 concert series

Once again the Haliburton County Folk Society is presenting a stellar lineup for the 2017-18 Concert Series. Series tickets are now available online or from ticket outlets listed below. Series tickets must be purchased before the first concert on Sept. 22.

Barrie Martin, president of the Haliburton County Folk Society, states that there are five compelling reasons why you should purchase series tickets:

1. Only series ticket holders are eligible for a draw before each concert (exception Homemade Stew) that entitles them to a dinner and meet and greet with the performer(s). What a great way to enhance the experience of a concert by truly getting to know the performers first hand and get the best seats in the house.

2. There is a great line-up of talented, award-winning musicians performing a variety of music genres/styles

3. Series tickets are a real deal: You get five concerts for the price of four.

4. Tickets are transferable to a friend or relative if you can't make one of the concerts yourself.

5. It is a wonderful way of supporting local musicians and live music in the Haliburton Highlands.

Series ticket holders from past seasons state:

"I am amazed at the quality of performers the Folk Society is able to attract to our small community. The concert series is a great place to see artists you've heard of, and a wonderful opportunity to discover new talent. Count me in (again) for the 2017-18 season's tickets!"

"Buying concert series tickets at the beginning of the season is the way to go for so many reasons; it plans my social outings, all the performers have been outstanding, and no last minute scramble to buy tickets. Thank you to the Haliburton County Folk Society for introducing me to great music and fun nights out."

This year's lineup starts with Lynn Miles and Keith Glass. Lynn Miles is one of Canada's most accomplished singer/songwriters. There's something to be said for experience, for taking the time to grow into your own skin. All sturdy things need time to root firmly into the ground to find their strength. With 12 albums to her credit, the winner of multiple Canadian Folk Music awards (2011 English Songwriter of the Year), and a 2003 Juno award for Roots and Traditional Solo Album of the Year, she has certainly found her strength over time. Keith Glass is a singer/songwriter, multi-instrumentalist (guitar, mandolin, bass), and producer, as well as being a founding member, guitarist, and songwriter with Prairie Oyster, a group that has received critical acclaim, including multiple Juno and CCMA awards.

Arthur Wood, of *Maverick Magazine*, states, "If it is possible to be addicted in one single hearing, that's how hard I fell for Miles' music and voice."

The next concert features Ellis Paul, an artist who tells his own story through songs that also encapsulate the essence of people and places who have helped define the era in which we live. To this end, Ellis is in a league with Woody Guthrie, Bob Dylan, and Bruce Springsteen.

Though some may refer to him as a folksinger, he is more, for lack of a better word, a storyteller; a musician whose words reach out from inside to express the feelings, thoughts and sensibilities of others. He describes those things that are both near and dear whether it be a celebration of heroes, the hope of redemption, or the sharing of love. Nora Guthrie sums it up by saying, "Ellis is one of our best human compasses, marking in melodies and poems where we've been and where we might go if we so choose to."

The third concert, Homemade Stew, celebrates local musicians. The evening will be filled with local artists showcasing their talents. The audience will once again come away with an appreciation of the musical ability of people who live in the Haliburton Highlands. The specific lineup of local talent is yet to be announced. This is the fifth year running and it is expected that the lineup will once again have no repeat performances: a true testament to the talent in the Haliburton Highlands!

The fourth concert in this year's series features the O'Pears. They are a Toronto-based contemporary folk trio made up of Lydia Persaud, Jill Harris and Meg Contini, three songwriters who weave stories that stir the spirit and capture the timeless character of folk music. "Like Those Nights," their debut album, captures soaring harmonies and a seamless blend, evoking the profound intimacy of Nick Drake, the sister-like blend of The Staves and the dynamic harmony of Crosby, Stills, and Nash.

Each band member is a distinctly talented musician with a stand-alone voice, style, and stage presence. When these three come together it is breathtaking with a striking mix of tight a cappella and rootsy instrumentation.

The finale of this year's concert series is none other than Dione Taylor. Having first burst onto the music scene with her Juno nominated debut album "Open Your Eyes," Taylor's career trajectory has been truly remarkable. With performances at festivals and concert theatres across the United States, Canada and Asia for audiences that have included the President of the United States and Queen Elizabeth, Taylor has made a worthy name for herself as one of this country's most talented musicians and singers.

Dione was nominated for a Gemini Award for her rendition of Oscar Peterson's "Hymn to Freedom," which she performed alongside Oliver Jones at the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame Gala. She is also the recipient of the Governor General's Performing Arts Award Mentorship Program.

When discussing her latest album David Clayton-Thomas, Blood Sweat and Tears, states, "This new recording by Dione is earthy, soulful and the songs are great. A fine funky offering from one of my favourite singers."

Tickets for the concert series, or individual concerts, are available online at haliburtonfolk.com, Halco Electronics/The Source in Haliburton and The Organic Times in Minden. For more information call 705-754-FOLK or visit www.haliburtonfolk.com. Remember that only series pass holders have the chance to win a meet and greet with these talented performers before the concert and that series tickets are only available until Sept. 22.

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Unplugged

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

If you launch a boat in summer, eventually you will launch without the boat plug in. Here are 10 things you can tell anyone who witnessed it.

1. I have a strong desire to make others laugh.
2. I have always wanted to be a submariner.
3. The interior of my boat could use a good cleaning and I figured this was the easiest way.
4. I just wanted to verify that story about the Dutch boy and the dike.
5. I found a great way to keep the dust down on the cottage roads. If you help me haul this boat out, I'll drive around down your road too.
6. An electrical storm is on the horizon and I have always been taught to unplug everything.
7. No worries. I am part of a Titanic re-enactment club.
8. I just wanted to check if your depth finder was accurate.
9. I am just making sure my bailing bucket works.
10. We don't have a pool at home.

Cottage life recalled

LAURIE JONES
Special to *County Life*

Little Boshkung: (lake of many echoes), by Andrew Lennox, was a powerful shared experience for Rails End Gallery-goers. The exhibition ended Aug. 13. It consisted of a looped four-minute film with original score and voice-over story alongside five mixed media artworks. The film is a fiction, the images, assembled from Super 8 footage, discovered under a local cottage. The gallery set up was sparse; two sofas and a projector beckoned visitors to simply sit and watch. "Little Boshkung" made my hair stand on end the minute I saw it. But its larger significance hit me after seeing how deeply it affected countless others this summer; the shivers, tears, aching hearts and the subsequent way people sought to find resolution in the still imagery that accompanies the film made this one of "the most creative installations I've seen in a long time." (An entry from our guest book.)

One of Lennox's themes is recollection. I imagine everyone who saw "Little Boshkung" experienced glimpses of personal memory and felt compelled to share it with someone else; as I am about to do with you, dear reader.

When I was a girl, our family rented a cottage every August. It was a low, brown structure on Lake Simcoe. A stream let out on the left as you faced the lake and on the other side, a short row away, was a little store where we bought penny-candy. The cottage owners lived just up the road, in the "main house." We renters enjoyed the sandy shores of Lake Simcoe in the "summer house" consisting of two bedrooms, an attic dormitory, kitchen, w/c, living room and wide screened-in porch facing east. Our dad worked in Toronto Monday to Friday and the days between his much-anticipated weekend visits are faded mental snapshots for me, of a three-legged frog swimming in circles; feeding diapers into the wringer washer (and that adrenalin rush!); Mother in a paper bikini smoking a Sportsman; getting stuck up the stream in an inflatable raft, and keeping an eye on the baby. I adored my father and lived for the weekends when we would sneak away for a sail.

When I get thinking about those times I get a powerful surge of nostalgia tinged with a sense of unease, self doubt and empathy. Are my recollections true? What was it like for Mother to be alone all week with six kids? Was I a kind girl? How could I have amputated that frog's leg? Am I really such a "daddy's girl"? Why did we stop going to the cottage?

Today, 50 years later Mother is sorting through family albums. Father is losing his memory to Alzheimer's dementia. He documented our family times and made a lot of Super 8 home movies back then. I can't help but wonder if those home movies were a letter to his future self, the one that is fading into dreamland with each passing moment.

I'd like to thank Andrew Lennox for his wonderful exhibition Little Boshkung: lake of many echoes.

As a visitor wrote in the guest book, it was, "Highly original, beautifully created… haunting. Thank you."

Laurie Jones is the curator and director of Rails End Gallery.

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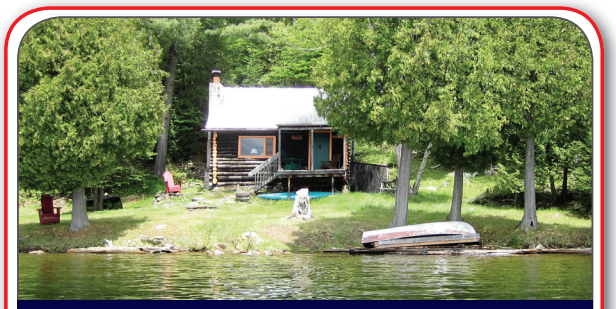

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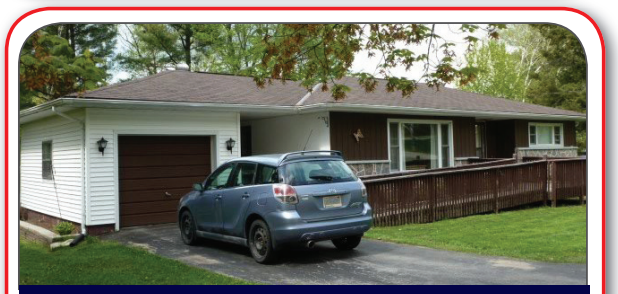

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Artists take inspiration from Group of Seven

JENN WATT
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For Canada's 150th birthday, artists in the Kinmount area are producing works with a particularly rugged national flavour.

The Group of Seven Art Challenge was put out to residents by the Kinmount Artisans Guild asking for pieces inspired by the iconic works created in the early 1900s often depicting Ontario's near north – Algonquin Park, Georgian Bay, the Haliburton Highlands and other rural and remote places.

On Saturday, Aug. 19, those works will be brought together at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace for a special showing, which will include refreshments and a spinning wheel demonstration.

Judy Mirams of Minden is part of the guild and organized this challenge. She has three of her own works in the show as well, replicating the work of A.J. Cassan's *Little Island* and Edwin Holgate's *Nude.*

Darlene Mann of Kinmount did a sculpted piece of a wind-blown pine tree, set in a small case with a painted background.

"The way that they paint, their style with the colours, I tend to paint more realistic things than [they did]. I used their style to create the wire tree with clay baked on for foliage and a clay rock and I did a mixed medium … painting in the background," Mann said.

She said it took hours to make, particularly creating the tree.

Mirams said the guild is looking for new members and wants to increase the marketplace's exposure amongst local shoppers.

Members of the guild have their work on display and for sale at the marketplace in downtown Kinmount. A portion of sales goes back into the shop, which is run as a co-op staffed by members. There are about 60 members in the guild today.

Works at the marketplace run the gamut from delicately produced paintings to functional pottery, knitted and crocheted items to handmade soap.

The Group of Seven show is Saturday, Aug. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kinmount Artisans' Marketplace, 4995 Monck Rd., Kinmount (at the corner of County Road 503 and Monck Road in the village).

Judy Mirams, left, and Darlene Mann show some of their artwork inspired by Group of Seven painters at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace. On Saturday, Aug. 19, many pieces by local artists will be on display at the marketplace in celebration of the country's sesquicentennial. /JENN WATT Staff

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Library gala to feature novelist Jennifer Robson

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Every year in the fall the Friends of the Library put on their biggest fundraiser of the year by hosting an intimate afternoon with a popular Canadian writer. This year marks the 12th event and takes place on Oct. 29.

The guest this year is Jennifer Robson who grew up in Peterborough the daughter of the acclaimed historian Stuart Robson. Stuart Robson had a 35-year career at Trent University where he is now a professor emeritus. Jennifer is no slouch in the history department herself as she holds a doctorate in British economic and social history from the University of Oxford.

She has written four wildly popular historical love stories starting with *Somewhere in France*, *After the War is Over*, *Moonlight over Paris*, and the recently released *Goodnight from London*.

Set in England in the 1940s, *Goodnight from London* is about an ambitious young American journalist Ruby Sutton. Ruby gets her big break with the chance to report on the European war as a staff writer for *Picture Weekly* newsmagazine in London. She jumps at the chance, for it's an opportunity not only to prove herself, but also to start fresh in a city and country that know nothing of her humble origins.

But life in besieged Britain tests Ruby in ways she never imagined. Although most of Ruby's new colleagues welcome her, a few resent her presence, not only as an American but also as a woman. She is just beginning to find her feet, to feel at home in a country that is so familiar yet so foreign, when the bombs begin to fall. As the nightly horror of the Blitz stretches unbroken into weeks and months, Ruby must set aside her determination to remain an objective observer. When she loses everything but her life, and must depend upon the kindness of strangers, she learns for the first time the depth and measure of true friendship – and what it is to love a man who is burdened by secrets that aren't his to share. *Goodnight from London* is inspired in part by the wartime experiences of Jennifer's own grandmother.

Mark Medley of *The Globe and Mail* describes Jennifer Robson as "The most successful Canadian author you've never heard of."

Yet, every one of her books has made the top selling Canadian fiction list of *The Globe and Mail*. Not only that, 100,000 copies of *Somewhere in France* are in print in North America, a tremendous number for an unheralded debut.

Being a self-proclaimed history geek, these novels are meticulously researched. "If reading one of my books then propels someone to want to learn more about the Great War, for example, then I feel I've accomplished something," say Robson. I learned a great deal about the Second World War from reading these novels and I'm always up for a compelling love story.

I am very excited about this year's gala guest and can't wait for her to come to the Highlands.

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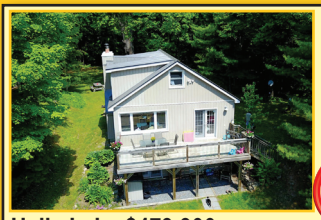

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Haliburton's Andy Campbell thinks of his mother when he drives the 1983 RX7 she bought at age 60. /DARREN LUM Staff

Rotary RX-7 becomes family heirloom

DARREN LUM

County Life Staff

Andy Campbell always feels a connection to his mother, Mona, when he drives the 1983 burgundy two-door, rotary engine RX-7 she bought.

"I think a lot about her when I'm driving the car," he said. Among those thoughts: "Why did you buy this?" he said, laughing.

Campbell's mother died a month ago, but her appreciation for interesting vehicles lives on in the last car she bought.

Campbell never knew why she bought the car, but is thankful she did.

Other than maintenance, new belts, new starter (it has a push button), the RX-7 with automatic transmission and pop-up headlights is just like it was when she bought the black trim sports car in 1983, when she was 60 years old.

"It was like, 'OK, Mom,'" he said, remembering when he was 29. "Good for you. Can I borrow it?"

Campbell wanted to get on the highway and head to Bobcaygeon.

He said he isn't a car nut, but appreciates the car's dynamic handling and calls the headlights his favourite feature.

The light-weight car's rotary engine uses fewer moving parts and relies on triangle-shaped rotors for compression and ignition in one rotation. A conventional four-stroke engine requires two crank revolutions to complete combustion and relies on pistons for compression and ignition for each cylinder.

The advantage is high horsepower, fewer moving parts and lighter weight with less chance of catastrophic failure. It is also smoother.

The disadvantages are poor gas mileage, burned oil, low torque, expensive parts and seals that don't work as well in cold climates.

The car's shape and design will bring car aficionados back to a time of long front noses and short rear ends. Think Datsun 240 Zx circa 1970s. The production for the RX-7 started in 1978 and ended in 2002.

Campbell said the biggest trip his mother would take with the car was when she and his dad would come to visit him in Haliburton from their home in St. Catharines.

He assumed ownership 10 years ago when she could not operate the vehicle anymore. Campbell said he's only added 50,000 kilometres since she stopped driving. There are 107,000 original kilometres on the odometer.

"I just drive it around here. Primarily because I don't feel comfortable on Highway 400 with this," he said.

There is great anticipation, every spring to switch vehicles from his winter Jeep to the light and spunky RX-7.

As a sports cars for the masses from the 1980s, it doesn't get more iconic than this vehicle. With spoked factory option wheels, this was the last in a series of interesting cars Campbell's mom bought, which includes a two-door Chevrolet Corvair with a rear mounted engine and a Nash Metropolitan from the 1960s before that.

"She had some interesting cars," Campbell said.

He remembers she also owned the much-maligned AMC Pacer, a Ford Pinto and a Ford Maverick.

Car and Driver magazine put the 1983 Mazda RX-7 on its 10 Best Cars list, calling it the "car you buy when you have all the right instincts and are a person of good taste and character but you can't afford a Porsche."

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Hilda's Yard tackles tough topics with humour

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

People aren't usually what they seem on the surface. The frustrated housewife has more than laundry to worry about; the factory worker puts in a lifetime of labour for little reward; the thug has a kind heart under the bravado. *Hilda's Yard*, written by Norm Foster and part of the Highlands Summer Festival, explored the lives of what at first appear caricatures of a 1950s household: a married couple preparing to be happy empty-nesters and two adult children who can't get it together. But add two outsiders to the mix and the depths of each character become more apparent.

In the program, director Terri Hawkes writes that "each character in *Hilda's Yard* shows a willingness to change – to increase awareness and acceptance of oneself, working through discomfort in the quest for personal growth" and it does seem that as time goes on, the tough exteriors of each character melt away to reveal something more vulnerable and real underneath.

The play opens with Hilda Fluck (played by Beth Kipping) chatting with her neighbour as she hangs the laundry. She muses at the positive changes she's expecting with her children Gary (Stephen Thayer) and Janey (Janice Kiteley) off on their own.

It's now time for her and her husband Sam (Brian Kipping) to enjoy the quiet life in their empty home – complete with a new Zenith television set.

The play is set in the Flucks' backyard, which features a white fence, white chairs and white roses.

Their life appears to be as wholesome as their backyard, with Sam's solid employment of 27 years at a paper company and Hilda's reign of the home. That is, until their kids announce they're moving back home – and bringing more than a few complications with them.

Among those complications, Bobbi Jakes (played by Brittany Rae Robinson) Gary's new girlfriend, and Beverly Woytowich (Lucas Mayhew) a bookie looking to get his money back from Gary.

Bobbi is a beatnik, more relaxed in her sexuality and accustomed to sloughing off social norms. Her introduction to the family comes when she hops the fence into the backyard and wraps Gary in a tight romantic embrace.

Beverly is a gangster, white fedora in hand, hair slicked back, who arrives at the Flucks' home with shady intentions, but is quickly subdued by the warm, assertive nature of Hilda.

The issues of the 1950s are somewhat uncomfortable to watch as an audience member, but thanks to interjections of humour, the tough discussions of mental health issues, domestic violence and changing romantic relationships, are made easier to handle.

In particular, a woman's place in society and her role in the household play heavily beneath most of the plot, though that's not always immediately apparent.

Janey, for example, first appears a slightly loopy, incredibly lazy adult daughter, unwilling to do housework and lamenting her role in the home. But as time passes, the audience learns her situation is much more complicated.

Despite dealing with some heavy subject matter, the play is surprisingly light in tone. There are several laugh-out-loud performances peppered through the play and nods to popular culture of the time from *I Love Lucy* and *Gun Smoke* to James Dean and Marilyn Monroe.

Hilda's Yard was the final play of this year's summer festival. Check out highlandssummerfestival.on.ca to learn about next year's lineup.

Gary Fluck (Stephen Thayer) has a warm welcome for his girlfriend, Bobbi Jakes (Brittany Rae Robinson), to the amusement of his mother Hilda (Beth Kipping). The passionate greeting is part of a scene from Norm Foster's play, *Hilda's Yard*, part of this season's Highlands Summer Festival. The show ran until Aug. 11. Photo by Lorne Campbell

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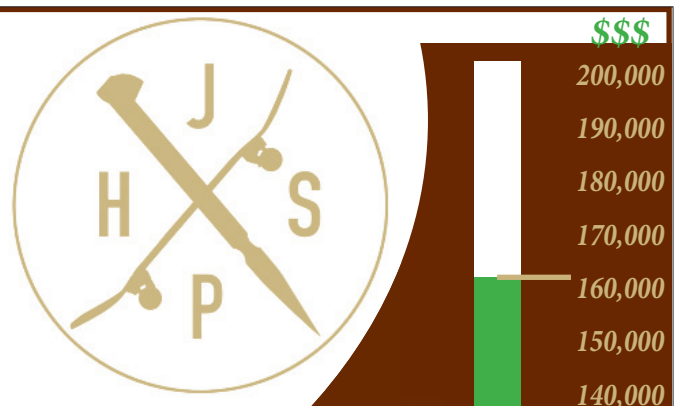

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Wednesday, Aug 30, 2017 - Last Names G-N
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Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Kids Fishing Derby
When: Wed. August 16/17, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Where: At the village docks
Come early to register. This is a free event. Prizes to be given out at the Community Center (above the arena) at 3:00 pm. Every registered child will receive a price. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. This is a "catch and release" event.

North Entrance Masonic Lodge, Annual Open house and Yard Sale
When Saturday August 19, 8 am - 2 pm
Where: 20 George Street, Haliburton
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ANNUAL Decoration Day Services, Gelert Cemetery
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When: August 29th, 1:30 pm
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Haliburton County Historical Society-Harvest Pork Roast Dinner
When: Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 2017, 5:30 pm
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Rail Trail 101 welcomes curious cottagers

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County Life Staff

Passionate hikers and bikers are gearing up to gather, socialize, indulge in treats and connect over a love for the Haliburton County Rail Trail – and they're inviting anyone who hasn't yet stepped off the beaten path to explore the area.

Rail Trail 101 is being organized by Pamela Marsales and Ute Wright, who co-founded Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT), and is being co-hosted by Kate Butler, director of the Haliburton Highlands Museum and a co-founder of the Toronto to Algonquin Greenway (TAG). The event will feature panel members to talk about their journeys on trails found locally as well as internationally, and welcomes everyone to share their own experiences and learn more about the 34 kilometre linear rail trail in Haliburton County. Rail Trail 101 is the first of its kind to be held in the summer, ensuring warm weather visitors have the chance to attend.

"We think there are lots of summer visitors and cottage residents here who have experienced exemplary heritage trails and bike paths in their home communities or in their travel, so we'd like to connect with them and share information," said Marsales.

The Haliburton County Rail Trail is considered to be the central component and catalyst in designing the Toronto to Algonquin Greenway, welcoming hikers, bikers, and paddlers to experience Ontario via trails, paths, and waterways like multi-use recreational trails found in Quebec, Europe, and Australia and New Zealand.

"[Summer visitors and cottage residents] may be familiar with some of these other long distance paths and trails and routes and not realize that they're right in Haliburton County where a future international tourism route that I'm sure will become world-famous is being considered and developed, inspired by this 34-km rail trail called the Haliburton County Rail Trail," said Marsales.

Marsales speaks passionately about the diversity of the Haliburton County Rail Trail, which she said really stands out amongst the rail trails she has explored in Ontario with her trusty mountain bike and fat bike.

"There are sections that have beaver habitats, big water features, railway history and lots of opportunity to view wildlife, flora and fauna," she said. "You're off the beaten track, away from the highway, and it's a really wonderful part of Haliburton to experience."

Rail 101 will give interested hikers and bikers the chance to ask questions about where to go based on the time they have, what ability levels different sections are suited for, where availability of services like washrooms are, and how to experience what Marsales calls "local flavour" along the trail.

"The reason it's called slow travel, is because if you're doing something like this, you need local flavours because that's your fuel," she said. "You're buying really good coffee and croissants in the morning, and really good craft beer with your lunch, and hand-scooped homemade artisan ice cream to reward yourself."

Rail 101 can be attended on August 28 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Haliburton Museum. Refreshments will be available as well as breaks for guests to network and socialize. The cost is $10. Text, e-mail or call Pamela with questions you'd like answered about the Haliburton County Rail Trail in advance, or to RSVP to the event. She can be reached at 705-457-4767 or pamela.marsales@gmail.com. For more information about FoRT visit friendsoftherailtrail.ca and for more information about TAG visit toronto-alonquingreenway.ca.

Image on front page: Pamela Marsales and Ute Wright at the wetland area South of Ritchie Falls on the HCRT. Photo by Hugh Taylor

> ***It's a really wonderful part of Haliburton to experience.***
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Tour de Forest enchants

Haliburton artist Jane Selbie's work requires a closer look. What can seem like paint from a distance is actually fabric – often many layers of it – adhered to the work's surface to create stunning images. No sewing machines required, her work is done with "sharp scissors, a toothpick and adhesive" and a lot of time. The image on the wall beside her is called Secluded Stillness. Selbie says about 50 per cent of the work in a piece is finding the right fabric. Her studio is on Bayshore Road in the village of Haliburton. /JENN WATT Staff

Studio D on the Tour de Forest was at Susan Hay's home on Argillite Road, about 15 minutes east of Haliburton. Her studio included work by guest artists Susanne James, right, and Paul Diamond. James's pottery is seen in front. Diamond creates delicate wood turning and wildlife photography. Hay creates large colourful landscape works.

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Storm of the Century!

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Kennisis Lake cottager Victor Whiteley woke up early Sunday morning from what he thought was a terrible dream.

There was the crashing sound of breaking glass and it felt as though his whole cottage was moving on its foundations.

But when he opened his eyes his bad dream only became worse.

He was having the same nightmare as hundreds of other residents across the Highlands whose homes and cottages were battered by what appears to be the tail end of one three tornadoes that ripped through Ontario.

Whiteley's three-bedroom cottage on Wilkinson Drive, which took a particularly savage hit from the devastating storm, lays in complete ruins.

Two 30-metre pine trees on either side of the bungalow were uprooted by the 160-kilometre-an-hour winds, tossing both ends of the cottage and deck close to 10 feet in the air.

At the same time as the cottage's sides were being lifted, Whiteley awoke to watch a huge tree, more than two feet in diametre, crashing down onto the centre of his roof.

It appears as though the small, wooden cottage has been shut tight like a book and then allowed to sag back open.

Inside, the cottage looks like a funhouse: its floors tilted to a different angle in each room and the window frames contorted into odd geometrical shapes.

"I woke up because the whole cottage was moving," Whitelely said Saturday, standing beside the large tree that still lay on his roof. "When I went out into the living room I saw the tree coming down straight at me. In the meantime, the other trees are lifting the cottage."

As the floor of the cottage pitched and heaved, Whiteley managed to make it back to the main bedroom to rescue his wife, Janet.

Once outside they found the lot littered with dozens of full-grown trees, including one crushing their new Toyota Camry and another crushing the cab of their Ford pick-up.

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A BAD DREAM: When Victor Whiteley was awakened by the wind on Friday night, he saw a tree come crashing through the livingroom of his Kennisis Lake cottage. The force of the blow, combined with the upheaval caused by trees falling on either side of the cottage, forced the cottage into a v shape. Kennisis and Redstone Lakes were the hardest hit in the storm many are saying is the worst in living memory.

Trees fall like dominos, knocking out hydro

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

Dysart et al has declared a state of emergency in the Kennisis and Redstone Lake cottage areas in the wake of Saturday morning's violent electrical and wind storm which left a trail of destruction in the Haliburton Highlands from Kinmount to Dorset.

Thousands of toppled trees blocked roadways and crashed down onto houses and cars leaving hundreds of summer and year-round residents stranded. Rows of hydro poles tumbled down like dominos in some areas and all power transformers in the area were damaged knocking out hydro for all 16,500 hydro consumers.

Tornados and funnel clouds were reported in the towns of Orillia and Lindsay, although non were reported locally. While heavy rain and powerful winds, reported as high as 160 kms, caused substantial damage in many areas thoughout the county, the Kennisis, Haliburton and Redstone Lake areaw were the most severely hit by the storm.

"It's just unbelievable," Reeve Murray Fearrey said Sunday after declaring the state of emergency.

While there has been no offical estimate yet of the total amount of damage, "it is well into the millions of dollars," said Fearrey.

"This has got to be the worst natural disaster I've seen in Haliburton Highlands since I've been here. It's going to be a miracle" if there are no serious injuries.

While the storm lasted for only about 20 minutes, the ruin it caused will take weeks, perhaps months to repair. Rows of trees and hydro poles littered roads, houses and driveways leaving residents trapped without water, electricity and even access from their homes.

The storm cut a two-mile swath through the area, said Fearrey. Trees pierced rooftops, dangling branches into people's

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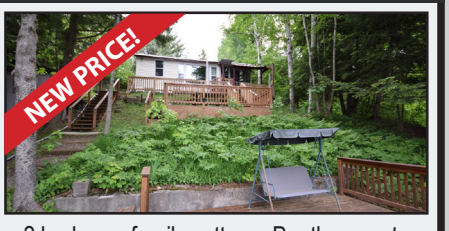

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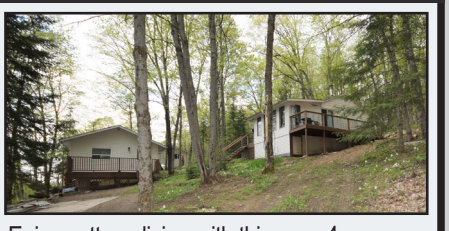

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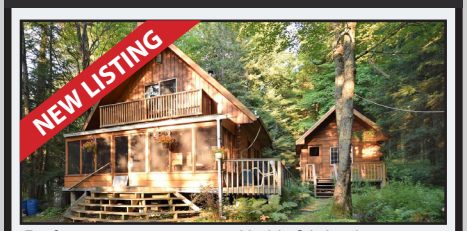

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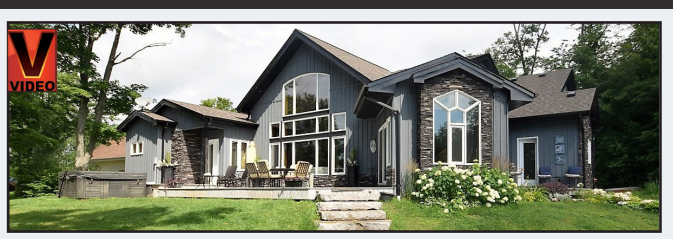

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